

PERINATAL HEPATITIS B PREVENTION PROGRAM COMPONENTS

- Funds Available in the Consolidated Contracts for Local Health Jurisdictions:
Contract requirements include:
 1. Identification and reporting of HBsAg-positive mothers and their infants;
 2. Case management and tracking of infants to assure that they receive the first dose of HBIG and hepatitis B vaccine shortly after birth, the second dose at 1-2 months of age, the third dose at 6 months of age, and post-vaccination testing at 9-15 months of age;
 3. Identification and tracking of susceptible household and sexual contacts to assure that they receive HBIG and/or hepatitis B vaccine, and post-vaccination testing if appropriate.
- Hepatitis B Vaccine: Under this program, state-supplied hepatitis B vaccine is available for **ALL** infants born to HBsAg-**positive** women and for household contacts and sexual partners who are less than 20 years old.
- Laboratory Screening for Hepatitis B by Designated Laboratory: Under this program, LHJs may obtain free laboratory screening for hepatitis B **IF** the blood is drawn by the LHJ **AND** sent to Seattle-King County Department of Health Laboratory. Lab screening is available for the following groups: 1) pregnant women **IF** they do not have Medicaid or another third party payment source that will cover screening; 2) household contacts and sexual partners of HBsAg-**positive** pregnant women **IF** the contacts/partners do not have Medicaid or another third party payment source that will cover *pre-vaccine screening*; and 3) infants born to HBsAg-**positive** mothers **IF** the infants do not have Medicaid or another third party payment source that will cover *post-vaccine screening*.
- Information and Education: Immunization Program staff will enlist the support and collaboration of LHJs in informational and educational efforts directed at health care providers and HBsAg-positive pregnant women. Informational materials are available from the Immunization Program. Also, Program staff are available for site visits to LHJs to assist with program implementation.